

on or before the first day of March next succeeding the levy thereof to the Pocomoke Bridge Company.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in consideration of the money so levied and paid, and so long as all the money above required to be levied and paid shall be actually so levied and paid, but no longer, all residents of Somerset County and all residents of Worcester County, and all non-resident taxpayers of either of said counties, their vehicles and beasts, shall pass over the drawbridge over the Pocomoke River, owned by said Pocomoke Bridge Company free of all tolls and charges, but all other persons shall pay such tolls and charges as the president and directors of the said Pocomoke Bridge Company may determine; provided such tolls and charges shall not exceed the rates established by Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1865.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That to make this Act effective, binding and mandatory upon the County Commissioners of Somerset County and the County Commissioners of Worcester County, the stockholders of the said Pocomoke Bridge Company are hereby required to accept and ratify the terms and provisions of this Act within three months after the passage of this Act at a meeting called for that purpose, and to notify in writing the County Commissioners of Somerset County and also the County Commissioners of Worcester County of their acceptance hereof. Such notification shall be sufficient if signed by the chairman of the stockholders' meeting, and certifying to the said County Commissioners that at a meeting of the stockholders on a day named therein said stockholders by resolution entered upon their minutes have accepted and ratified the provisions of this Act. And upon such acceptance by the stockholders of the Pocomoke Bridge Company and such notification of the County Commissioners of each of said counties, this Act shall become binding and effective as a contract between the County Commissioners of Somerset County and the County Commissioners of Worcester County on the one part, and the Pocomoke Bridge Company of the other part, for a full period of twenty years from the date of said acceptance by the Pocomoke Bridge Company of the provisions of this Act, and no longer, and all of said moneys shall be levied and paid over annually during said period of twenty years, and no longer, and the said drawbridge shall be used free of toll by the residents and non-resident taxpayers of the said counties, and their beasts and vehicles, for said twenty years, and no longer; but the Pocomoke Bridge Company, notwithstanding their acceptance of this Act, may at the completion of said twenty years resume the collection of lawful tolls for all persons, beasts and vehicles passing over the said drawbridge in all respects as if